

Media Concentration: reply to public ideas.please.

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No.02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements. Public interest should not mean which oligopoly should rule us.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result. Freedom to inquire, and as needed dissent requires decreasing and not increasing economic and corporate interests over critical journalism, and related forms of political commentary.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

Sincerely  
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(counselor/writer)